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SUBJ: PRESIDENT TITO'S VISIT

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1. SUMMARY. IN MY SECOND MEETING WITH PRESIDENTIAL FOREIGN POLICY ADVISER MAKSIC, FEBRUARY 25, WE REVIEWED PREPARATIONS FOR VISIT AND SUBJECTS TITO WILL WISH TO RAISE. MAKSIC PUSHED IN PARTICULAR FOR FIRST MEETING TETE-A-TETE BETWEEN TWO PRESIDENTS AND SUGGESTED THAT MEALS ALSO BE USED FOR WORKING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THEM. STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF PSYCHOLOGY WITH TITO, HE SUGGESTED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER VOLUNTEER SOMETHING -- IF ONLY AN EXPLANATION OF OUR THINKING -- ON KRSKO EARLY ON IN THE DISCUSSIONS. FINALLY HE APPEALED FOR INFORMATION ON A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS, PARTICULARLY THAT THEY BE GIVEN SEVERAL DAYS IN ADVANCE A TEXT OF PRESIDENTIAL TOAST AND WELCOMING REMARKS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN OUR MEETING MAKSIC REVIEWED MANY OF THE SAME POINTS HE HAD MADE EARLIER. HE STRESSED THAT PRESIDENT TITO WOULD NOT GET INTO DETAILS OF THE BILATERAL ISSUES, LEAVING THAT TO MINIC AND VANCE. BUT WHATEVER POSITIVE POINTS PRESIDENT CARTER COULD MAKE TO INDICATE THAT BILATERAL

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PROBLEMS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO SOLUTION WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IN CREATING POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL ATMOSPHERE. SPECIFICALLY ON KRSKO MAKSIC URGED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER RAISE IT HIMSELF EARLY ON. I NOTED THAT ON SUPER-GUARANTEES FINANCE SECRETARY CEMOVIC HAD BEEN TOTALLY UNFORTHCOMING. MAKSIC SAID THAT PRESIDENT TITO IS NOT COMING TO ASK FOR ANYTHING FROM US, THAT HE

WANTS VERY MUCH FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP TO MOVE FORWARD ON ALL FRONTS AND THAT WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW THE ISSUE OF SUPERGUARANTEES OR ANYTHING ELSE TO GET IN THE WAY. MAKSIC SAID HE WAS NOT CERTAIN PRESIDENT TITO WILL RAISE MILITARY COOPERATION (WHICH DIFFERS FROM HIS EARLIER INDICATION). MULTILATERAL SUBJECTS TITO WILL WANT TO CONCENTRATE ON INCLUDE: DETENTE; EUROPE AND CSCE; DISARMAMENT (PARTICULARLY AN APPEAL FOR PRESIDENT CARTER TO MAKE A PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPECIAL SESSION); INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND WHAT US CAN CONTRIBUTE TO SOLVING THE PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING NATIONS; MIDDLE EAST; THE HORN; SOUTHERN AFRICA; CHINA (INCLUDING TITO'S IMPRESSIONS OF HIS VISIT AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S VIEWS OF WHERE CHINA FITS IN THE WORLD SCENE); KOREA (PARTICULARLY KIM IL-SUNG'S RECENT MESSAGE TO TITO); AND FINALLY NONALIGNMENT, WHERE TITO WILL STRESS YUGOSLAVIA'S STRONG VIEW THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE SOLIDARITY OF THE NONALIGNED WILL HAVE A DE-STABILIZING EFFECT UPON THE WORLD. MAKSIC STRESSED THAT EVEN A FEW GESTURES BY THE UNITED STATES TOWARDS THE NONALIGNED WOULD GAIN A GREAT DEAL FOR US (I AGAIN URGE THAT WE CONSIDER SENDING A MESSAGE OF GREETINGS TO THIS SUMMER'S NONALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN BELGRADE AND THAT WE TELL TITO THAT WE PLAN TO DO SO).

3. ON TOASTS, MAKSIC MADE STRONG APPEAL THAT WE GET
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OUR DRAFT(S) HERE THIS WEEK SO THAT PRESIDENT TITO CAN FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH IT AND THEY CAN GIVE US THEIR DRAFT. US DRAFT SHOULD SIMULTANEOUSLY BE GIVEN TO YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FOR TECHNICAL PREPARATION AND TRANSLATION. MAKSIC SAID THAT WHOLE THRUST OF TITO'S TOAST WOULD BE UPBEAT. AND IN INTERESTING ASIDE HE STRESSED THAT WHEREAS THEIR TOASTS WITH OTHERS (CLEARLY THE SOVIETS) STRESSED THE NEED TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS BASED ON PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGNTY AND NONINTERFERENCE, IN DRAFT FOR THIS VISIT HE HAD NOTED THAT US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS ALREADY BASED ON THESE PRINCIPLES. MAKSIC ALSO ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE REMARKS UPON PRESIDENT TITO'S ARRIVAL AT WHITE HOUSE AND WHETHER THESE SHOULD BE TRANSLATED ON THE SPOT.

4. MAKSIC STRESSED DESIRABILITY OF KEEPING FIRST MEETING AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE, INITIALLY TO JUST THE TWO PRESIDENTS THEMSELVES, LATER JOINED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS AND PERHAPS ONE OTHER. HE HOPED VERY MUCH THAT A STENOGRAPHIC RECORD COULD BE MADE AND WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER WE WOULD SUPPLY SOMEONE TO DO THIS OR WOULD YUGOSLAV TRANSLATER HAVE TO KEEP A

RECORD FOR THEM. HE STRESSED THAT TITO WANTED THIS RECORD ONLY FOR HIS ARCHIVES, THAT THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF DISCLOSURE AND THAT HE CONSIDERED THIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER OF GENUINE HISTORIC IMPORTANCE. TITO WOULD LIKE TO USE MEALS FOR WORK AND MAKSIC EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT TRANSLATER WOULD BE POSITIONED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE TWO PRESIDENTS COULD TALK DIRECTLY WITH ONE ANOTHER WITHOUT OTHERS IN THE WAY. ONE THOUGHT THAT OCCURS TO ME (WHICH I DID NOT MENTION TO MAKSIC) IS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER MIGHT WISH TO INVITE PRESIDENT TITO UPSTAIRS IN WHITE HOUSE AFTER DINNER AS HE HAS DONE WITH SOME OTHER LEADERS. I KNOW THAT PRESIDENT TITO WOULD BE VERY PLEASED BY SUCH A GESTURE. MAKSIC NOTED THAT TITO WOULD MEET WITH HARRIMAN AND MCNAMARA TOGETHER
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AND SEPARATELY WITH KISSINGER. HE WILL BE SEEING SCOTTY RESTON HERE THIS WEEK FOR AN INTERVIEW. NOTE: I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A NICE GESTURE IF GEORGE KENNAN WERE INCLUDED IN THE WHITE HOUSE DINNER.

5. I RAISED SECURITY AND STRESSED UNPRECEDENTED EFFORTS BEING MADE TO ASSURE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO THREAT TO PRESIDENT TITO (UNFORTUNATELY REF B ARRIVED AFTER MY MEETING -- WE WILL MAKE THE POINT ABOUT LOOK-OUT BOOK WITH FSFA). MAKSIC RESPONDED THAT PRESIDENT TITO WAS NO LONGER 50 YEARS OLD AND THEREFORE "TOUCHY". SINCE THIS MIGHT BE HIS LAST CHANCE TO ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP WITH NEW GENERATION OF AMERICAN LEADERS AND TO LEAVE A TESTAMENT FOR THE FUTURE OF US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. WE NEEDED TO REMEMBER THAT THE ACTION OF ONE PERSON COULD RUIN THE WORK OF HUNDREDS AND HAVE VERY NEGATIVE EFFECT UPON THE VISIT.
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